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On 19 May 1954, a conference was held at the Main Department for Precision Mechanics and Optics of the GDR Ministry of Machine Construction on the coordination of industrial enterprises engaged in the manufacture of motion picture equipment. At this conference it was resolved that the Main Department for Films was to take charge of all research and development work related to motion picture equipment. A central development agency was to be set up in this connection. The Main Administration for Precision Mechanics and Optics was to take charge of the production of all equipment developed. It was resolved in this connection that VEB Carastowerk (nationalized apparatus plant) at Friedrichshagen (formerly Linse Firm) was to be organized in order to be in a position to manufacture high-quality equipment. The VEB WMSG (scientific-technical bureau for apparatus construction) was ordered to render VEB Carastowerk Friedrichshagen all assistance required. Personnel of the WMSG will be temporarily attached to VEB Carastowerk Friedrichshagen to help in the reorganization of the latter plant. WMSG has declared its willingness to assist the Main Administration for Films in the development of motion picture equipment.

Comment. The Main Administration for Films is subordinate to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs which is headed by Johannes R. Becher.

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